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This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action of June 2, 2006. Consideration of entering amendments for claims 12-16 and 29-36 is respectfully requested since they place the application in condition for allowance.

Summary of The Office Action

Claims 12 and 14 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if re-written in independent form. These claims have been rewritten as suggested and should now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3, 7-11, 17, 19, 21, 22 and 24-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 5,893,037 (Reele et al.) in view of US Pre-Grant Pub. 2001/0022618 (Ward et al.).

Claims 13 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,893,037 to Reelee et al. in view of US Pre-Grant Pub. 2001/0022618 (Ward et al.) further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,750,902 to Steinberg et al.

Claims 6 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,893,037 to Reelee et al. in view of US Pre-Grant Publication 2001/0022618 (Ward et al.) further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,167,469 (Safai et al.)

Claims 4, 5, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,893,037 to Reelee et al., in view of U.S. Pre-Grant Pub. 2001/0022618 (Ward et al.) further in view of US 6,567,502 (Zellner et al.).

Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,893,037 to Reelee et al. in view of U.S. Pre-Grant Pub. 2001/0022618 (Ward et al.) further in view of US 6,522,889 (Aarnio).

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The Present Amendment

Allowable claims 12 and 14 have been re-written in independent form including the limitations from their parent claims. All other rejected claims are now cancelled. Thus, the present application should now be in condition for allowance.

Dependent claims 13 and 15-16 have been amended to correctly depend from claims 12 and 14, respectively. New dependent claims 29-36 depend from allowed claims 12 or 14 and recite limitations from other cancelled dependent claims or pending method claims 15 and 16. Thus, no new matter has been added.

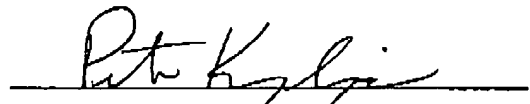
Since the present amendment cancels rejected claims and places the application in condition for allowance, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All remaining claims 12-16 and 29-36 are in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all these claims is earnestly solicited.

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